

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1147

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Utpal Patel upon being named
Sports Medicine Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Utpal Patel, who was recently named Sports Medicine Person of the Year by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society annually honors special individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to sports medicine, particularly those who affect the athletic training profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patel is an internist with Murfreesboro Medical Clinic's Internal and Family Medicine department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Utpal Patel is also a certified ImPact Concussion Specialist, offering state-of-the-art concussion care management to his patients. He has worked closely with Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) as team physician and official concussion specialist for more than fifteen years, and he was instrumental in developing MTSU's athletic department's concussion protocol and management policies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at MTSU, Dr. Patel serves as a team physician for Sewanee: The University of the South; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to his profession and his community includes serving on Mayor McFarland's Better 'Boro project; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his colleagues, patients, family, and community, Dr. Patel epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Utpal Patel for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Utpal Patel upon being named Sports Medicine Person of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.